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The Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Fauquier County Court and Office Building 40 Culpeper Street, 4th Floor Warrenton, VA 20186

Dear Supervisors:

The Utilities Task Force, which included representation from the Water and Sanitation Authority, Industrial Development Authority, the County's Community Development Office, County Administration, and representatives from various business organizations, is pleased to present the following report and recommendations as it relates to the provision of sewer and water service to the commercially and industrially zoned properties in Fauquier County.

The Utilities Task Force focused on facilitating the retention and expansion of commercial and industrial business opportunities. Likewise, the Utilities Task Force reviewed the nine Service Districts within the Fauquier County Comprehensive Plan, and selected only those areas that offered the highest opportunity and feasibility for business growth. Based on the demonstrated need for expanded or enhanced water and/or sewer service in the selected Service Districts, the primary recommendation of the Utilities Task Force, as set forth more fully in the enclosed Report and Recommendations, is as follows:

The Board of Supervisors use the same funding model as utilized in the New Baltimore Sewer Project for the development of water and sewer in the Service Districts. The Task Force believes that priority should be given to the immediate provision of adequate public water and sewer services to the Opal and Marshall Service Districts and expansion of water service to the New Baltimore Service District. The Task Force acknowledges and supports the current initiative for an alternative sewer system in the Airport Industrial Area, which is currently following this proposed funding model.

The Utilities Task Force believes that the adoption of the recommendations in this report could encourage the development of the existing commercially and industrially zoned properties that lie within the aforementioned service districts, as well as, offer the greatest opportunity for business growth.

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